IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patent application of: ONO, et al.

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING FINE METAL PARTICLES, SUBSTANCE CONTAINING FINE METAL PARTICLES, AND PASTE SOLDER COMPOSITION

the specification of which is being transmitted herewith.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Attached are Forms PTO/SA08B and SB/08B (formerly Form PTO-1449) and PTO-892 listing the relevant art known to the applicant herein. The Examiner is requested to consider the references and make them of record. This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. 10/106,646, filed on March 26, 2002. Each of the references listed on Forms PTO/SA08B and SB/08B (formerly Form PTO-1449) and PTO-892 were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Patent Office in the prior application(s) and, therefore, are not required to be provided in this application.

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL

I hereby certify that this document and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" addressed to: Box NEW APP—FEE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1430, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day of April, 2004.

PATRICIA E. WILSON

Express Mail Label # EV 368005327 US

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner. (Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25, at 25.)

Respectfully submitted,

HEIDI'S. NEBEL, Reg. No. 37,719

McKEE, VOORHEES & SEASE, P.L.C.

801 Grand Avenue, Suite 3200 Des Moines, Iowa 50309-2721

Phone No. (515) 288-3667 Fax No. (515) 288-1338

CUSTOMER NO: 22885

- pw - Attorneys of Record

ation unless it contains a valid OMR control number

'	tute for form 1449A		, 1000, NO PERSONS AN	Complete if Known			
				Application Number	10/106,646		
INFO	RMATION D	ISC	OSURE	Filing Date	March 26, 2002		
	TEMENT BY			First Named Inventor	Takao Ono		
SIA	I LINILINI DI	A	LIOAITI	Art Unit	3653		
l a	lse as many sheets	as ne	cessary)	Examiner Name			
Sheet	1	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	P05627US0		

			U.S. PATEN	T DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials *	Cite No.1	Document Number Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		US-			
		US- *			
		US-			
		US-			
		US -			
	—	US-			<u> </u>
	1	US-			
		US-			

	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials *	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Τ6		
	1.	04-056782	04/06/1993	Maeda Masao				
	2.	08-016305	02/01/1996	Asa Takeshi				
	3.	10-141667	12/07/1999	Asa Takeshi				
·	4.	10-165035	06/12/1998	Asa Takeshi				
	5.	63-270108	05/02/1990	Yoshida Hideaki				
	6.	02-026945	10/14/1991	Harada Akio				
			<u> </u>					

Examiner	Date
Signature	Considered

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in

conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional)... See Kinds of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04.

Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated to the document of the patent document. on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible.

on the document under vviii O Standard ST. To it possible.

Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement. This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.

DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO. Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

Form PTO/SB/08B (10-01)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Substitute	for form 1449B	3/PTO		C	Complete if Known	
				Application Number	10/106,646	
INIEOD	MATION	חופרו	OSLIRE	Filing Date	March 26, 2002	
	EMENT BY			First Named Inventor	Takao Ono	
SIAIL	TAIRIAI D	AFF	LICAN	Group Art Unit	3653	
(Use	as many sheet	ts as nec	essary)	Examiner Name		
Sheet	2	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	P05627US0	

OTHER PRIOR ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS						
Examiner tnitials *	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²			
	7.	SHIRO SUZUKI and TAMOSTU KONDO, "chemistry on Interfacial Phenomena", Published March 30, 1996, pp 16-18 (abstract), Sankyo Publishing Co., Ltd., Japan				
\$						
	_		<u> </u>			
 			<u> </u>			
			<u> </u>			
			-			
			 			
; ;						

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	

^{*} EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Form PTO/SA08B (10-01)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
p a collection of information unless it contains a unit OARD.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Substitu	te for form 1449A	/PTO		Complete if Known		
				Application Number	10/106,646	
INFO	RMATION D	ISCI	OSLIBE	Filing Date	March 26, 2002	
CTAT	EMENT BY	VDD	LICANT	First Named Inventor	Takao Ono	
SIAII	EMIEMI DI	AFF	LICAN	Art Unit	3653	
(LISA	e as many sheets	as nec	essary)	Examiner Name		
Sheet	1	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	P05627US0	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials *	Cite No.1	Document Number Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear			
	1.	US- 3,580,862A	1971	Watson, Lloyd M. et al.	Col. 6, ln. 44-Col. 7, ln. 12; claim 1			
	2.	US- 5,653,783A	1997	Ohzeki, Yoshio	Abstract, claims 1-3			
	3.	US- 5,616,164A	1997	Hashimoto Kaoru et al.	p. 2, ln. 28-51; col. 3, ln 43-61; and col. 5, ln. 45-50			

		FOREIG	N PATENT DOC	UMENTS		
Examiner Initials *	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	т'
	4.	DD 237 575 A (Ruhla Uhren Veb K) 23 July 1986	1986-07-23	Ruhla	Whole Document	
	5.	Patent Abstracts of Japan Vol. 014, No. 339 (M-1001),	1990-07-23	Mitsubishi Metal Corp.	Abstract	
		23 July 1990 & JP 02 118003 A (Mitsubishi Metal Corp.)	2 May 1990	Mitsubishi Metal Corp	Abstract	
	6.	Patent Abstracts in Japan Vol. 1997, No. 06, 30 June 1997, Abstract.	1997-06-30	Harada:KK	Abstract	
		& JP 09 049007 A (Harada:KK) 18 February 1997 (1997-02-18) Abstract	1997-02-18	Harada: KK	Abstract	
	7.	Database WPI Section Ch, Week 9250 Derwent Publications Ltd, London, GB; Class M, Page 23-A, AN 413523	1992 01-07	OD Electrotech I Svynaut	Abstract	
		XP002209085 & SU 1 703 253 A (OD ELECTRONTECH I SVYNAUT), 7 January 1992	1992-01-07	OD Electrotech I Svynaut	Abstract	
	8.	WO 00 00313 A (Protsch Walter; Schulze Juergen (DE) 6 January 2000	2000 01-06	Protsch Walter; Schulze Juergen	Claims 1-5	

Evernings	Date
Examiner	Considered
Signature	Considered

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional)... 2 See Kinds of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04... 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible.

8 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

8 Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

Notice of References Cited Application/Control No. | Applicant(s)/Patent Under Reexamination OHASHI ET AL. | Examiner | Art Unit | Page 1 of 1 U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*		Document Number Country Code-Number-Kind Code	Date MM-YYYY	Name	Classification
	Α	US-5302182	04-1994	Gorynin et al.	75/334
	В	US-6290745	09-2001	Schulze et al.	75/335
	С	US-			
	D	US-			
	E	US-			
	F	US-			
	G	US-			
	Н	US-			
	1	US-			
	J	US-			
	К	US-			
	L	US-			
	М	US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

*		Document Number Country Code-Number-Kind Code	Date MM-YYYY	Country	Name	Classification
	N					
	0					
	Ρ					
	ø					
	R					
	s					
	Т					

NON-PATENT DOCUMENTS

*		Include as applicable: Author, Title Date, Publisher, Edition or Volume, Pertinent Pages)					
	U						
	٧						
	w						
	X						

*A copy of this reference is not being furnished with this Office action. (See MPEP § 707.05(a).) Dates in MM-YYYY format are publication dates. Classifications may be US or foreign.